

Applicant Information

1. Project Title: Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program
2. Grant Type: Community-Wide Assessment
3. Total \$ Requested: \$200,000 for Community-Wide Assessment
\$200,000 for Community-Wide Petroleum Assessment
4. Name of Applicant: City of Gahanna, Ohio
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200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
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7. Location: City of Gahanna, Franklin County, Ohio
8. Population: 33, 588 (2003 estimate)
9. Special Consideration: The City of Gahanna has a population under 100,000.

Threshold Criteria

A. Applicant Eligibility

1. The City of Gahanna is a General Purposes Unit of Local Government. The City of Gahanna will own the property applied for by September 30, 2004 pursuant to the award of this grant. This is the second application to the US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Program and the first for the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program.

B. Community Notification

1. Major community notifications appear on the City's home page at www.gahanna.gov. A specific community notification requesting comment for this US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant application, including a summary and copy of this application and contact information was posted in November 2003. Please see Attachment A for a printed copy of this widely available and easily accessible notice.

The City of Gahanna also proactively informs the community through a Brownfields Assessment Project page linked to the City's Internet home page. This project web page is regularly updated with project summaries, project photos, meeting announcements, City reports, and other helpful links and information.

The City has been proactive for several years at creating a community dialogue for discussion about brownfield projects in Gahanna. For example, the City of Gahanna's Bedford Action Team has discussed the proposal to cleanup and redevelop the Bedford I Landfill in several open public forums presented to City Council. This approach is used for all brownfields projects involving public commitment or support from the City of Gahanna. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program was presented to Gahanna City Council in late 2003 for discussion and public comment. Also, notification has been made through local media sources. The City also notified and is involving non-profit community groups such as the Ohio Citizens Action Group (OCA) and the Friends of the Big Walnut Creek Organization with the Brownfields Assessment Project and other major Gahanna brownfields projects.

C. Letters of Support

The City of Gahanna, Ohio has obtained the required letter of support from the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations. (Please see Attachment B)

This application is also broadly supported by state, county, and local entities. This broad support for our application is demonstrated with letters from the following: (Please see Attachment B)

- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations
- Franklin County Board of Health
- Franklin County Community & Economic Development Department
- Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce

- US Representative Patrick J. Tiberi
- US Senator Mike DeWine (directly mailed to Region 5 Office)
- US Senator George V. Voinovich (directly mailed to Region 5 Office)
- Ohio Representative James McGregor
- American Electric Power – Gahanna’s largest employer

Ranking Criteria

A. Assessment Grant Budget

1. The estimated preliminary cost for providing direct financial assistance to eligible property owners and developers in the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program is as follows:

Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program (Hazardous Substances):

Direct Financial Assistance to Private Owners and Potential Developers of Potential Brownfields for Environmental Assessment Activities	\$ 300,000
Total Potential Assessment Fund	\$ 300,000
City’s Contribution	\$ 50,000

Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program (Petroleum Contamination):

Direct Financial Assistance to Private Owners and Potential Developers of Potential Petroleum Contaminated Sites for Environmental Assessment Activities	\$ 300,000
Total Potential Assessment Fund	\$ 300,000
City’s Contribution	\$ 50,000

Please note that all monies in the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program will be used to directly fund brownfield site assessments including Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments and Hydrogeologic Evaluations. The estimated budget for our Assessment Program for Hazardous Substances is \$300,000 and for our Assessment Program for Petroleum Contamination is \$300,000. Both budgets include a \$50,000 matching financial contribution from the City and a minimum \$50,000 in private contributions. Both programs could have a larger impact if the private contribution toward assessment is greater than the twenty percent minimum to be required by the City. The City will also make application for additional CDBG funds to increase, defray, or match its contribution to the program. All costs, public outreach, and staffing time for administering the program will be incurred by the City of Gahanna.

B. Community Need

1. The City of Gahanna is a suburban community within the metropolitan area of Columbus, Ohio with multiple brownfields sites. Over the last few years, it has come to our attention that there are more than a dozen potential brownfields sites in Gahanna city limits – most

within the Gahanna Industrial District. It is believed by the City that no other similar communities in our region have such disproportionately large environmental concerns and resulting economic development challenges.

Although the poverty rate for Gahanna is only 4.4% (2000 Census), and the unemployment rate for Gahanna is about 3% (2003 Gahanna estimate), the Gahanna Industrial District serves as an important regional employment center for the lower income areas of Columbus and surrounding counties. Gahanna's only industrial area also provides much of the City's income tax revenue base. The stability of this area and the retention and growth of businesses there are critical to providing the necessary tax revenues to support basic city services. In order to spur the cleanup and redevelopment of these sites, the City is looking to assist in the funding of assessment efforts; however, facing these concerns without additional support is a large burden for a small community with a population of only about 34,000 residents.

Urban sprawl in Central Ohio complicates Gahanna's brownfield challenges. Once a rapidly growing first ring suburban community, Gahanna is approaching build-out within the next few years and is virtually land-locked by surrounding communities from significant annexation. Because of this, the City's strategy for economic stability and growth has shifted to in-fill and redevelopment projects. With uncertainties about some potential brownfields discouraging economic development and investment especially in the industrial district, the City cannot effectively retain and recruit new development when new greenfields are readily available further out in the region. The assessment and eventual cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields could contribute to a slowing of urban sprawl by invigorating the Gahanna Industrial District. These projects take better advantage of existing public infrastructure and close proximity to existing employment centers.

Although Gahanna is not a typical community in need, the economic burden of assessing brownfields strains City resources. As an example of the significance of the financial burden of such assessments, the City of Gahanna has spent over \$400,000 on just one brownfield site in the last two years (Bedford I Project) to assess and plan for the site cleanup. It should be realized that the City has an annual operating General Fund of \$15 million so expenditures of this size necessitate cutbacks in already limited services and projects. In the current fiscal climate of flat or declining tax revenues in our region, supporting the \$600,000 cost of our Brownfields Assessment Project without additional support will not be possible.

2. Gahanna is very committed to our Brownfields Assessment Project and believes it will provide numerous benefits to residents and businesses in the surrounding region. These benefits include: the eventual restoration and remediation of environmentally blighted areas across the City, the subsequent productive use of otherwise undevelopable land in prime inner-city locations, combating urban sprawl, promoting new employment, and redevelopment in the region, partnering with otherwise responsible property owners overwhelmed by the cost burden of environmental assessment, and increased tax revenue generation to support basic government services.
3. The City is concerned about real and potential environmental and public health threats posed by potential brownfields and their lack of productive social and economic use. As discussed

above, the City of Gahanna is disproportionately environmentally and economically impacted by brownfields. Significant potential brownfields sites across Gahanna that may possibly, but do not necessarily include a small abandoned landfill (20+ acres), a large 18+ acre site of a former steel-drum manufacturer, a 10+ acre site of a former brick glazing plant, and numerous other smaller areas – many with potential petroleum contamination. For a small community like Gahanna, the economic and environmental impact of having so many brownfields sites is huge.

C. Site Selection Process

1. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program will provide direct assistance for environmental assessment activities of privately-owned entities that agree to partner with the City in a brownfields redevelopment process. In order to receive funds, the City of Gahanna will have an on-going competitive process for property owners and developers to ask for financial assistance. As the City becomes aware of potential brownfields through regular code enforcement or research, it will proactively approach property owners and encourage them to seek this assistance.

Applicants will approach the City Development Department with a written statement requesting assessment funds and outlining existing site conditions, an explanation of potential or existing site contamination or environmental challenges, and an initial redevelopment proposal including a statement of anticipated public and private contribution to assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment. As requests are received, the Gahanna Development Department will judge the merits of each proposal on a case-by-case basis for receiving grant funds that will include other potential assistance from the City of Gahanna General Fund, other public or private grants, or loans.

Each request will be prioritized for funding based on a series of criteria to judge the urgency, merit, and impact of a potential assessment and redevelopment project to Gahanna and the region. Those sites involving potential petroleum contamination will receive funding separate from those sites without such contamination. These criteria have not yet been finalized as an administrative or codified program by the date of this application, but will include the following major required items for each request:

Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program Site Selection Process Criteria

- (a) Source and Amount of Private/Public Contribution to Overall Project – all eligible projects must involve a private contribution of at least 10% to the overall project or 20% of the projected assessment cost
- (b) Potential Environmental & Human Health Impact of Overall Project – all proposals must outline how an assessment is a necessary step to eliminate potential hazards to human health and the environment, and will be prioritized on the level of impact of hazard reduction, creation of environmental improvements, and reduction in resource consumption and pollution emissions
- (c) Creation of Greenspace, Natural Areas, or Open Space – additional consideration will be given to those projects that restore currently dangerous or restricted areas with some new

natural elements, create connections to existing park features, reduce or buffer natural areas from undesirable impacts, or positively impact wildlife areas

- (d) Sustainability of Potential Cleanup and Redevelopment – priority will be given to those projects that plan to follow sustainable development practices such as reduction in resource consumption, use of renewable energy, alternative stormwater management techniques, eco-industrial techniques, and those that are involved in production or distribution of sustainable development goods, services, or technologies
 - (e) Potential Economic Impact of Overall Project – additional priority will be given to those projects that stimulate economic development by creating or retaining employment (especially for lower-income populations), investing significantly in the renovation or construction of facilities, or maintaining or increasing city tax revenues
 - (f) Reuse of Existing On-Site and Public Infrastructure – extra consideration will be given to projects that will take advantage of existing public infrastructure and services and do not create undue burdens on that infrastructure
 - (g) Intended Community Involvement – proposals that bring a plan for community involvement, information, and participation in the cleanup or redevelopment process will be given additional priority
2. The City of Gahanna has long been aware of its largest brownfield site, the Bedford I Landfill, but only began to take action on assessment and redevelopment in 2001. This site received immediate priority over other brownfields due to its large size, its great development disincentive to adjacent properties, and the environmental urgency of the site based on limited reports from the Ohio EPA. With a new focus on redevelopment and brownfields and because of the efforts of the Gahanna Interdiction Team (more information in Criterion D. Sustainable Reuse Question 4), the City became aware of at least a dozen other potential brownfields around Gahanna – mostly concentrated in the Gahanna Industrial District. At this time, no official inventory of brownfields has been conducted, although the City suspects more brownfields exist than may currently be suspected.

Gahanna has obtained a list of known underground storage tanks from the Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks (Please see Attachment E). The number and age of known tanks, the age of some of our industrial sites (pre-1970), and the large size of our Industrial District (2+ square miles) greatly concerns the City of Gahanna because there is a strong possibility that numerous sites have petroleum contamination in addition to other forms of hazardous contamination.

D. Sustainable Reuse/Development Potential

1. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program Site Selection Process gives priority to sites that plan to follow sustainable development practices such as reduction in resource consumption, use of renewable energy, alternative stormwater management techniques, eco-industrial techniques, and those that are involved in production or distribution of sustainable development goods, services, or technologies. The City of Gahanna already focuses on retaining and recruiting such development with its industrial development strategy, the Tech-Industry Driven Expansion (TIDE) plan. TIDE calls for redevelopment and prevention of

brownfields as well as recruits and retains businesses that maximize use of new technologies and do not generate the negative externalities of traditional industrial development.

The conversion of potential brownfields from hazardous contaminated sites into non-threatening, economically productive projects will reap significant economic and environmental benefits for the surrounding area. Uncertainty about these sites stagnates new development, driving economic reinvestment and growth to greenfields further out in the region. High-technology industrial redevelopment directly and economically impacts Gahanna and the surrounding region; however, even larger positive impacts to nearby sites are expected by eliminating the investment disincentive in caused by these potential brownfields.

2. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program Site Selection Process gives priority to sites that plan to follow sustainable development practices and create environmental improvements such as reduction in resource consumption and pollution emissions. The City is experienced in requiring such practices with brownfields. With its Bedford I Brownfield Project, Gahanna not only plans to enact a cleanup plan that leads to reductions in both pollution and resource consumption, but also will maximize the efficiency of landfill gas extraction as an alternative energy resource for our Industrial District.
3. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program Site Selection Process also gives priority to brownfields that stimulate economic development by creating or retaining employment, investing significantly in the renovation or construction of facilities, or maintaining or increasing city tax revenues. Given the potential number of brownfields in Gahanna and considering the existing disincentive to invest in these sites and the stagnating economic effect on surrounding parcels, the City anticipates both short and long term economic benefits by beginning the brownfield cleanup and redevelopment process with this assessment program.

As a first ring, nearly land-locked suburban community facing an ever-shrinking supply of developable land, the City of Gahanna's economic development strategy now focuses on economic stability, business retention, and sustainable growth through in-fill and redevelopment projects to maintain current tax revenues. To demonstrate the expected impact of an on-going Gahanna brownfield project, the anticipated Bedford I redevelopment project will include approximately 50,000 s.f. of new high-technology industrial and office development, representing a significant capital investment and an estimated 100 new jobs with a projected \$4.5 million payroll. The City would expect that redeveloping other potential brownfields could have a similar or greater economic impact.

4. As brownfields have become a growing issue in our industrial district in the last few years, the City of Gahanna is dedicated to preventing future brownfields. In addition to the Gahanna Brownfields Project, the City is currently using two approaches to solving and preventing this problem. First, our Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator are currently rewriting our Industrial District zoning code. This rewrite restricts new development and redevelopment uses to a specific set of industries that have not historically posed a threat to the environment. This code will also restrict uses that cause excessive

noise, dust, pollution, or site contamination by requiring a specific conditional use permit for such noxious uses from the City Planning Commission.

Second, the City is using a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary team approach to managing existing brownfields and environmental challenges. The “Gahanna Interdiction Team” is a group organized and initiated by the City of Gahanna that includes various City enforcement and building officials, officials from surrounding jurisdictions, surrounding police and fire departments, the Ohio EPA, and the Franklin County Board of Health. This team coordinates enforcement efforts and emergency responses. The City is also moving forward with a intergovernmental team to address issues relating to our biggest waterway, the Big Walnut Creek. The team is facilitated by an Ohio waterway non-profit organization (Friends of Big Walnut Creek) and will provide a forum to discuss current waterway contamination issues and to prevent future brownfields.

5. Gahanna’s Brownfield Assessment Program fits squarely with our comprehensive plan. The City’s Land Use Plan (2002 update) specifically requires the City to promote in-fill development, to forbid development that seriously impacts natural areas or creates potential hazards, and to maintain a compact land-use pattern of development. Working to assess potential brownfields meets these objectives by eventually eliminating hazards and promoting redevelopment. The Land Use Plan also requires the City to protect and extend links between open spaces, which is a priority in this Project’s Site Selection Process.

The Land Use Plan calls for certain stringent requirements for the Gahanna Industrial District that are directly met by our brownfields strategy. The plan calls for “permitting those types of industries that will stabilize, enhance, and diversity the economic base” and “prohibiting air and noise pollution and/or other pollution by requiring industries with such potential to be developed (unless) they eliminate negative impacts” (Gahanna Land Use Plan: 2002 Update).

Finally, the City’s industrial development strategy, the Tech-Industry Driven Expansion (TIDE) plan, calls for redevelopment and prevention of brownfields. The TIDE program recruits and retains businesses that maximize use of new technologies and do not generate the negative externalities of traditional industrial development.

E. Creation of Greenspace or Open Space

1. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program Site Selection Process gives priority to brownfields that plan on facilitating the creation, preservation, restoration, or extension of natural features, open space, or parkland, especially in areas currently restricted to recreational access or those that are unsafe for humans or wildlife. Given the potential number of brownfields in Gahanna and considering the existing general environmental features, it is anticipated that most sites will border existing greenways, waterways, nature preserves, or parks. Those that do not include or are not adjacent to natural amenities will be required to provide open space per City regulations in order to receive funding.

The City is experienced with redevelopment of brownfields with a greenspace component and plans on incorporating it into future redevelopment projects. In the ongoing Bedford I

Brownfield Project, industrial development will include restoration and preservation of a large, scenic, treed ravine that will connect via trails to a major wetlands area and state nature preserve at one end and a major creek at the other. This site will also include public recreation as major part of the planned reuse. Some examples of uses being considered include: a public golf course for youth, a fitness and recreation park, a sportsman activity area, a special use recreation park for animals such as horses or dogs and their owners, or a wildlife preserve and restoration area.

F. Reuse of Existing Infrastructure

1. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program Site Selection Process gives priority to sites that take advantage of existing and adequate public infrastructure services such as water and sewer service, rail, roads, electric utilities, and technology fiber. Given the location of most suspected brownfields sites within Gahanna in existing developed areas, it is anticipated that most public infrastructure is already designed to more than accommodate any new needs generated by redevelopment projects.

G. Community Involvement

1. Gahanna's plan for stakeholder involvement stems from the Bedford Action Plan (2001), a document that outlined the City's initial strategy and goals in solving the challenges of Bedford I. This successful involvement process will be replicated and used in the identification for all brownfield projects that involve the City of Gahanna. As in that plan, major stakeholders were identified for consideration during the entire redevelopment process. (Please see Attachment D) From the start of the Bedford project, the City involved, contacted, and organized meetings with many stakeholders and is continuing this through the entire cleanup and redevelopment process. That process included regular updates at public meetings via Gahanna City Council or Planning Commission as well as several project-specific public meetings.

Numerous meetings and interviews will be conducted with the following groups and include the property owner and City of Gahanna officials: all adjacent property owners about cleanup and reuse alternatives and potential partnership in a redevelopment plan; recreational non-profit and for-profit organizations about potential partnerships and business plans for site reuse; for-profit developers about potential partnerships; and any other interested community groups, citizens, and members of the media about the project.

2. The City of Gahanna demonstrates a commitment to partnerships at all levels to solve our brownfield challenges. Our multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary Gahanna Interdiction Team manages existing brownfields and environmental challenges using partnerships and forums at the local and state levels. This group includes various City officials, officials from surrounding jurisdictions, police and fire departments, the Ohio EPA, and the Franklin County Board of Health. As the plans for reuse are developed, the City plans to involve additional stakeholders: primarily citizen action groups, a local watershed group, and recreational and service non-profit organizations at the local, state, and national levels.

Letters of support for our grant application and our brownfields process demonstrate our strong commitment to partnership with local, regional, and state agencies and representatives on an issue that extends beyond our city limits. (Please See Attachment B.)

3. The City uses a four part approach to disseminating important progress reports on important local initiatives. The Gahanna Communications Plan (2002) provides the framework for public information distribution. First, the City's website has become a significant information tool and places notices and updates on the front page linked to more detailed pages within the site. All relevant documents and presentations are available for download on this site. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program will have a specific page dedicated to providing timely project updates. Access to the internet is available to the majority of local residents and is available for free at both our local schools and the Gahanna Library. Second, Gahanna regularly sends City representatives to more than three dozen community and civic organizations to answer questions and provide information about city issues. Third, regular media updates and press releases are made on the project to keep both local newspapers abreast of new developments. Finally, the City administration makes regular project updates available to Gahanna City Council and the Gahanna Planning and Parks Commissions. These updates are presented at regular, weekly public meetings by City officials.
4. Community-based organizations involved in the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Project include:

Friends of the Big Walnut Creek
Contact: Andrea Gorzitze 614-233-4124
Type of Involvement: Progress updates
& future involvement in reuse plan

Ohio Citizen Action
Contact: Simona Vaclavikova
614.263.4111
Type of Involvement: Updates on
general progress on brownfields

Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce
Contact: Leslee Blake 614-471-0451
Type of Involvement: Progress updates
on brownfields/industrial development,
future involvement in reuse plan

Mid-Ohio Development Exchange
Contact: Curtiss Williams 888-565-8567
Type of Involvement: Progress updates
& future involvement in reuse plan

H. Reduction of Threats to Human Health & the Environment

1. US EPA Assessment Grant funds will be used to make direct grants from the City of Gahanna matched by private or public contribution to assess brownfields in the Gahanna Industrial District or in other affected areas in older parts of Gahanna such as Olde Gahanna. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program Site Selection Process will give priority to those sites with the potentially greatest environmental and human health hazards and those of greatest concern to the Gahanna Interdiction Team.
2. The City of Gahanna works cooperatively with the Franklin County Board of Health to ensure that public health issues are considered during the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment process for brownfields in Gahanna. The Board of Health is a member of the

Gahanna Interdiction Team and has expressed support for the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program. The City of Gahanna also works cooperatively with both the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations on brownfields sites, especially in our current Bedford I Project. Both entities also are partners in the Gahanna Interdiction Team and support the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program (Please see Attachment B for letters of support)

I. Leveraging of Additional Resources

Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program (Hazardous Substances):

Community-Wide Assessment Grant	\$ 200,000
CDBG Funding	unknown
City's Contribution to Assessment Assistance (est.)	\$ 50,000
<u>Expected Private Contribution (minimum)</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

Minimum Potential Assessment \$ 300,000

Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program (Petroleum Contamination):

Community-Wide Petroleum Assessment Grant	\$ 200,000
CDBG Funding	unknown
City's Contribution to Assessment Assistance (est.)	\$ 50,000
<u>Expected Private Contribution (minimum)</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

Minimum Potential Assessment \$ 300,000

1. The Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program will provide \$300,000 for direct financial assistance to potential brownfields with hazardous contaminants and \$300,000 for direct financial assistance to potential brownfields with petroleum contamination, for a minimum total of \$600,000 committed to assessing potential brownfields in Gahanna. Additional funding may be solicited if new funding sources become available during the life of the program. If successful and if brownfield problems persist in Gahanna, the program will be extended until all challenges are met.
2. As with the Bedford I Brownfield Project, the City of Gahanna would contribute limited monies from its General Revenue Fund for individual brownfields projects on a case-by-case basis. Professional staffing time, administration, and office support will be provided by the City to manage the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program by incorporating that work into regularly provided City services.

The City has major site development tools including economic incentives and tax structured financing. Gahanna is experienced with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as a funding mechanism. TIFs capitalize future incremental tax revenue generated by a redevelopment project to retire debt incurred in enabling the development and could be used to encourage

private redevelopment of brownfields. This reduces the City's direct involvement and costs while ensuring certain standards are met for the site.

Tax abatements may also encourage private redevelopment. Abatements reduce or exempt a taxpayer's obligation to pay taxes for a specified period in exchange for property improvements. Much of the Gahanna Industrial District is located in a Community Reinvestment Area in which Gahanna currently uses tax abatements and the City would consider to interest a private developer in a potential brownfields redevelopment.

3. Gahanna is committed to leveraging additional funds for the Gahanna Brownfields Assessment Program. In 2002, the City was awarded \$150,000 in CDBG funds from Franklin County for assessment and engineering in the Bedford I Project. The City anticipates making application for additional funding for brownfields assessment from Franklin County in 2004 and 2005. Franklin County focuses CDBG funds toward brownfields projects they believe will qualify as matching for other sources of funding such as the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund. Similarly, a US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant would contribute to the match required for this grant.

J. Ability to Manage Grants

1. The City of Gahanna's Finance Department will work in tandem with the City's Department of Development and Engineering to manage the financial aspects and requirements of the grant, as well as oversee the assessment work and necessary reporting.

Our Project Contact, Director of Development Sadicka White, has extensive experience in managing federal grant dollars. As the Service Director for the City of Lima, Ohio for six years, Ms. White was directly responsible for the management of an Entitlement Grant via CDBG funds in excess of \$1 million dollars.

2. The City of Gahanna Finance Department is currently managing federal funds from: IceT, Local Law Enforcement Block Grants, COPSFAST Grants, COPS MORE Grant, Bulletproof Vest Grant Program, CDBG funds, and Troops to Cops Grant. The City has not had any adverse audit findings on any grants, nor the City ever been required to comply with special "high risk" terms under agency regulations implementing OMB Circular A-102.
3. Gahanna has not received a US EPA Brownfield Grant. This is our second application for an Assessment Grant.
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